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Maryland Woman Sentenced to 42 Months in Prison for Bank Fraud

Washington, D.C. - A Maryland woman, Mia Anise Wright, also known as Mia Noise Wright, was sentenced yesterday to 42 months in prison for Bank Fraud, announced Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips and U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey Irvine.

Wright, 33, most recently of Glenarden, Maryland, entered her guilty plea on September 3, 2009. She was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before the Honorable Judge Richard J. Leon. In addition to her incarceration, Wright was ordered to pay \$180,844.41 in restitution to victims in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

According to information presented during the plea hearing, Wright embezzled over \$180,000 through employment with five different companies in Maryland and Washington, D.C. between December 2006 and April 2008. Wright defrauded employers in order to gain access to company financial information and used her position to write checks to herself drawn on company accounts. Wright forged the signatures of authorizing officials, and deposited the checks into her personal bank accounts. Wright also used corporate credit cards without authorization for the purchase of expensive clothes, elaborate vacations and the payment of her personal expenses.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Irvine praised the work of the U.S. Secret Service and Assistant U.S. Attorney Scharn Robinson of the U.S. Attorney's Office, who prosecuted the case.

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